

Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. <u>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114</u>: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on ____.

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- [] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.
- [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
- [] Other ___.
- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Preliminary Amendment.
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO-1449 and 35 references.
- [X] Change of Correspondence Address.

Miscellaneous:

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[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Presen	5	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)			· · · · ·				\$740.00		\$740.00
Total Claims:	5	_	65	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	18	-	18	=	0	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$280.00	=	\$0.00			
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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION	N FEE TOTAL:	\$110.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	FEE TOTAL:	\$850.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract	\$0.00	
[X]	Fee for Information Disclosu	ure Statement	\$180.00
		TOTAL FEE:	\$1030.00

[X] A check in the amount of \$1030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: <u>April 3, 2002</u>

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